WOMEN POLICE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, 1940

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In present war conditions the welfare of our men and women in the Services, and of all those engaged in factories on essential work, as well as the protection of young children, are matters of vital concern to the country.

We consider that the position makes a very special demand for the services of women police to deal with the problems caused by concentrations of men, women and young persons in unfamiliar circumstances and by numbers of school-children evacuated from their homes. The presence of women police would prove a steadying influence in times of emergency. Women police would also be of great assistance in dealing with such women as are a menace to young and inexperienced men and boys.

The Statutory Regulations for the Employment of Policewomen issued in 1931 would cover all requirements, were they made *obligatory* by the Home Office instead of as at present permissive, at the discretion of chief constables, watch and standing joint committees. Many chief constables still refuse to appoint women police. There is real and urgent necessity for the immediate appointment of more fully attested women police to undertake duties of patrol work in the vicinity of camps and large factories, to take statements from children who may be the victims of assault, to escort or search women prisoners, and to undertake the many other duties for which women police are particularly suitable and in which they could relieve the present strain on their men colleagues. It should be borne in mind that members of the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps are neither selected nor trained for the above duties.

We appeal to Members of Parliament to act, and if necessary to move the adjournment of the House to press this question.

The attached statement gives further details.